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Please amend the Application as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 1 (amended): An aqueous coating formulation containing solids, for enhancing image visualization and retention of reactive dye-based inks, comprising:

a) a cationic homopolymer or copolymer,

b) a fabric softener; and

c) urea, and

d) an ingredient selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate and combinations thereof.

Claim 2 (amended): The aqueous coating formulation of claim 1 wherein said cationic homopolymer or copolymer is present in an amount between about 5 and about 95 weight percent of the total solids.

Claim 3 (amended): The aqueous coating formulation of claim 1 wherein said fabric softener is present in the formulation in an amount between about 5 and about 20 weight percent of total solids.

Claim 5 (amended): The aqueous coating formulation of claim 4 wherein said latex binder is present in an amount between about 0 and about 80 weight percent of the total solids.

Claim 6 (amended): The aqueous coating formulation of claim 1 wherein said ingredient is present in an amount between about 3 and 10 weight percent of the total solids.

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Claim 7 (amended): the aqueous coating formulation of claim 1 wherein the urea is present in an amount between about 5 and 12 weight percent of the total solids.

Claim 8 (amended): The aqueous coating formulation of claim 1 further comprising an additive selected from the group consisting of wetting agents, defoamers, surfactants and combinations thereof.

Claim 9 (amended): The aqueous coating formulation of claim 8 wherein said additive is present in an amount between about 0.1 and 1 weight percent of the total solids.

Claim 10 (amended): An aqueous imbibing solution, for enhancing image visualization and getention of reactive dye-based inks comprising:

- a) an ingredient selected from the group consisting of sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate, and combinations thereof,
- b) urea.

Claim 11 (amended): The aqueous imbibing solution of claim 10 wherein said ingredient is present in an amount between about 30 and 40 weight percent of the total solids.

Claim 12 (amended): The aqueous imbibing solution of claim 10 wherein said urea is present in an amount between about 50 and 70 weight percent of the total solids.